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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] Chief/FI

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation--
"Agreed Activities"

1. Following the meeting of the IAC this date, Mr. Dulles had a conversation with General Samford alone which the undersigned overheard but to which the undersigned was not a party. The Director informed General Samford that he had replied to the JIC memorandum respecting "agreed activities" and that his reply contained the suggestion that the matter be presented to the IAC and that it would no doubt have to go to the NSC. General Samford replied that he personally felt it would be most helpful if the JIC were to receive a statement of CIA's position on this subject and that, given that, there would then be two papers on the subject. Mr. Dulles replied that he felt CIA's position had been made available in previous correspondence. General Samford felt that there was some doubt in the JIC as to CIA's present position regardless of previous papers and regardless of whether they had, indeed, expressed CIA's views. Mr. Dulles said he, too, felt such a paper would be helpful.

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2. Immediately following this discussion the undersigned approached the Director alone and informed him that he had overheard the conversation and that he felt the Director should know that a working group, under the direction of [REDACTED] with cooperation from the Office of the General Counsel and the Office of Intelligence Coordination, was at the moment seeking to prepare a paper which would meet the requirements as stated by General Samford and informally agreed to by the Director. Mr. Dulles asked whether that paper would be ready "in a day or two." The undersigned said he doubted that it would, given the complexity of the problem (a consideration to which General Samford had alluded to), but that it seemed to the undersigned that real progress toward

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stating CIA's view was being made. The Director said he would appreciate knowing more exactly what was underway and at what date the paper might be ready.

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